

PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 16096.11

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
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	Harald Schmidt	)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following preliminary amendment to the claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.